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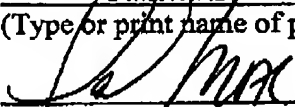
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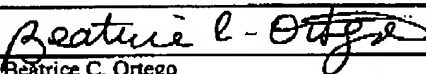
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In response to the Office Action dated July 25, 2006, please find attached the following claim amendment and remarks. Applicants respectfully request this amendment to be considered, as Applicants believed that the amendment places the application in condition for allowance or in better condition for appeal.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 7 of this paper.

**Exhibit document** begin on page 15 of this paper.